GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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MISSING OF TIGERS FROM TIGER RESERVES
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that during the last tiger census, Madhya Pradesh had claimed that the number of tigers in Kanha Pench National Park and Bandhavgarh have risen to 711;

(b) if so, whether Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve counted 57 tigers at that time and 10 cubs out of which now remain reportedly missing; and

(c) if so, since when the cubs are missing alongwith the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to trace them?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has reported 711 tigers in the entire State during the 2002 estimation, which includes 128 tigers from Kanha Tiger Reserve, 45 tigers from Pench Tiger Reserve, 10 from Pench Wildlife Sanctuary, 59 tigers from Bandhavgarh National Park, and 7 from the adjoining Panpatha Wildlife Sanctuary. Death of only two cubs has been reported from Bandhavgarh National Park since then, owing to natural causes.